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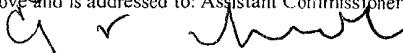


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Myeong-Je, CHO, et al.

Serial No.: 09/538,864

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For: VALUE-ADDED TRAITS IN GRAIN
AND SEED TRANSFORMED WITH
THIOREDOXIN

Examiner: Juliet C. Einsmann

Group Art Unit: 1655

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R § 1.131

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

We, Myeong-Je Cho, Peggy G. Lemaux, and Bob B. Buchanan declare as follows:

1. We are co-inventors of the above-referenced patent application, and are familiar with the contents thereof.

2. We have reviewed the publication Cho *et al.* (*In vitro Cellular and Developmental Biology* 34(3) Part II (March 28) p. 48A) cited by the Examiner, for which we are co-authors along with C.D. HA.

3. The co-author C.D. HA, named in the publication worked under our direction performing work that led to the invention, but did not make an inventive contribution to the subject matter of the application.

4. We, along with named inventors Joshua Wong and Corina Marx, mutually conceived and reduced to practice the invention based in part on the publication.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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